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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 6, 2006 for which the three-month date for response is December 6, 2006. Note that Assignee is filing this Response to Final Office Action within two months of mailing. It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Howrey LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-3038-10286.0292.CPUS04. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.